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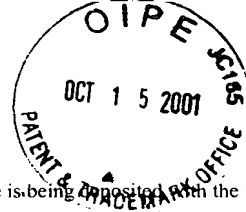
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This Petition is filed in response to the Filing Receipt recently received for the above-patent application. The Receipt indicates that the Patent Office assigned June 13, 2001, as the filing date for the application. Counsel for Applicants believes that there is a typographical error in this date. The application was sent via Express Mail to the Patent Office on June 12, 2001. A copy of the Express Mail receipt, No. EL265821354US, which includes the U.S. Postal Service date stamp of June 12, 2001, thereon is attached for reference. By this Petition, counsel respectfully requests that the Patent Office grant the date of deposit by Express Mail of June 12, 2001, as the filing date for the application, and issue a Corrected Filing Receipt.



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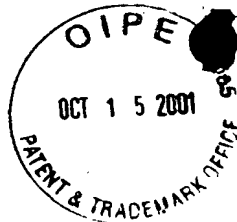
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